

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 22 and continuing onto page 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4 is a schematic diagram showing the structure and operation of linguistically informed decision processor 304 in more detail. Linguistic information aggregator 308 collects necessary information from the input name 402 and name reference library 106, which includes the tables and other data used by linguistic information aggregator 308 (including high frequency name processor 316, morphological processor 318, title/affix/qualifier (TAQ) processor 320, and ngram processor 322, all shown in Figure 3). A sample structure for these tables 500 is shown in Figure 5.

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The name is processed by a frequency path director in Block 716 which directs a record for high frequency processing or low frequency processing depending on the presence or absence of high frequency surnames in the input name string. Output of Block 716 may be stored in database 718.